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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/003,113

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For: IMAGE CODING/DECODING METHOD, IMAGE  
CODING APPARATUS AND IMAGE DECODING  
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Respectfully submitted,

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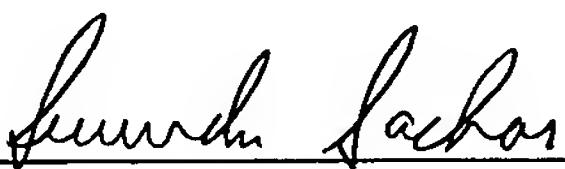
Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

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